and publicity, rejuvenation of old plantations, area expansion improving productivity and training of farmers.

- Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control and modernization of processing units.
- Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important fairs and exhibitions.
- Providing assistance in development of data base and dissemination of market information.
- Providing assistance for setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality, eliminating contamination and ensuring freedom from fungi and bacteria.
- Creation of agri-export zones to promote export of agro and agro based product.
- Quantitative and packaging restrictions on wheat and its products, butter, pulses, grain and flur of barley, maize, bajra, ragi and jowar have been removed on 5th March, 2002.

Decontrol of urea sector

317. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to decontrol the urea sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Fertilizers Association of India (FAI) has opposed this decision;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Questions do not arise.